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SUBJECT:CIVAIR - UPCOMING US/UK CONSULTATIONS

REF: LONDON 15378

1. AS EMBASSY AWARE, US REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS WITH UK ON NOVEMBER 5-7 TO PURSUE CHARTER AIR SERVICE QUESTIONS ALONE. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO INCLUDE OTHER ITEMS ON AGENDA, BUT RECOGNIZE THAT WE CANNOT SIMPLY REFUSE DO SO.

2. OF THE FOUR ITEMS THE BRITISH HAVE LISTED, AGENCY COMMISSIONS, TARIFF ENFORCEMENT, AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF ANNEX TWO OF BILATERAL (WE ASSUME BRITISH MEAN SECTION II OF ANNEX) ARE CLOSELY INTERRELATED AND, FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, CAN BE CONSIDERED AS ONE ITEM. WHILE WE CAN AGREE TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM, WE DO NOT BELIEVE DISCUSSION LIKELY BE PRODUCTIVE GIVEN CONTINUING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U.S. AND UK ON COMMISSION QUESTION AND UK'S (PARTICULARLY ROGERS') ADAMANT ATTITUDE. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT IATA MAY HAVE RESOLVED THIS MATTER BY TIME TALKS WITH UK TAKE PLACE AS RESULT IATA MEETING AT CANNES BEGINNING OCTOBER 27. (WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY ASK EMBASSY SHORTLY TO DELIVER A REPLY TO ROGERS'

SEPTEMBER 25 LETTER ON COMMISSIONS IN LONDON 15075.)

3. RE CAPACITY RATIONALIZATION, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER UK HAS IN MIND THE SPECIFIC, IMMEDIATE QUESTIONS (I.E., CAB HAS NOT YET ACTED ON THE PA/TW/BA WINTER CAPACITY AGREEMENTS AND THERE IS NO NA/BA AGREEMENT ON MIAMI CAPACITY) OR BROADER QUESTION OF FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH, OF COURSE, IS RELATED TO US POLICY REVIEW.

4. RATHER THAN CONFRONTING UK OVER QUESTION OF AGENDA ITEMS NOW, WE SUGGEST THAT OPPORTUNITY BE FOUND DURING ECAC MEETING IN PARIS OCTOBER 22/23 FOR USREPS TO DISCUSS MATTER OF AGENDA INFORMALLY WITH ROGERS. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, PLEASE SUGGEST THIS TO ROGERS.

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